

# *Service of Thanksgiving*



*to celebrate*

*The Forty-fourth Anniversary of*  
*Jamaica's Independence*

*Theme: "Together with dedication, we build our nation"*

**Sunday, August 6, 2006**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Revivaltime Tabernacle**  
*4340 Dufferin Street*  
*Downsview*







## *Participating Clergy*

*Bishop Dr. Audley James  
Founder & Senior Pastor  
Revivaltime Tabernacle*

*Pastor Bonnie Martin  
New Hope Tabernacle*

*Pastor David Thompson  
Downsview Seventh-Day Adventist Church*

*Rev. Nigel Ricketts  
Praise Cathedral Worship Centre*

## *Order of Service*

### **Processional Hymn**

### **Praise My Soul**

Praise my soul the King of Heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; Who like me His praise  
should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour; To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever; Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He  
knows,  
In His Hands He gently bears us; Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him; Dwellers all in time and  
space,  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### **Placing of the Flags**

### **The Pathfinders**

### **The Canadian National Anthem**

### **Congregation**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise  
The true north strong and free,  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land, glorious and free.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



**The Jamaican National Anthem****Congregation**

Eternal Father bless our land,  
 Guard us with Thy Mighty Hand,  
 Keep us free from evil powers,  
 Be our light through countless hours,  
 To our leaders, Great Defender,  
 Grant true wisdom from above,  
 Justice, Truth be ours forever,  
 Jamaica land we love.  
 Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

Teach us true respect for all,  
 Stir response to duty's call,  
 Strengthen us the weak to cherish,  
 Give us vision lest we perish.  
 Knowledge send us Heavenly Father,  
 Grant true wisdom from above,  
 Justice, Truth be ours forever,  
 Jamaica land we love.  
 Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**Bishop Dr. Audley James**  
**Revivaltime Tabernacle**

**Musical Selection****Simone Carpio****Prime Minister's Independence Message****Dale Jones****Consul – Jamaican Consulate General****Jamaica's National Pledge****Congregation**

Before God and all mankind, I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart, the wisdom and courage of my mind, the strength and vigour of my body, in the service of my fellow citizens.

I promise to stand up for justice, brotherhood and peace; to work diligently and creatively, to think generously and honestly, so that Jamaica may, under God, increase in beauty, fellowship and prosperity, and play her part in advancing the welfare of the whole human race.

**Musical Selection****Yanick & Rashaan Allwood**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Led by Christopher Infantry, Scarlett Burke and Andrew Nelson.

**Leader:** O God, the Creator and Preserver of all humankind, we thank You for this day and for Your presence here with us. For our Godly heritage and our love for You as our Lord and Saviour. As we gather in this place of worship, may we be still to listen and to hear your voice among us. We thank you for allowing us to come together in joyful celebration, dedication and service towards building our nation of Jamaica. Let us pray to the Lord saying:

**People:** Favourably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**Leader:** As we celebrate forty-four years of our Independence, we give You thanks for Your many blessings bestowed upon us and for Your guidance and protection throughout the years. We pray for our Prime Minister, the Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller; for our new Consul General; and for all who are in positions of public trust, that they may serve your people and work together in unity and with dignity. We pray for Jamaicans scattered throughout the Diaspora and for their contribution towards the betterment of this world. We thank You for our past and our vision of the future. May our hearts be always thankful. Let us pray to the Lord saying:

**People:** Favourably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**Leader:** We pray for the church universal. Draw your church together, to serve you faithfully in its mission to the world. We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons. We remember especially the members of the Clergy present here, that in their



vocation and ministry they will uphold the extension of Your Kingdom by their actions, words and deeds. May Your salvation, O Lord, be with us this day and always. Let us pray to the Lord saying:

**People:** Favourably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**Leader:** We pray for this country of Canada. Bless us with unity to live together and to promote the peace of Your creation. Lord, grant our families and friends Your peace. We pray for our children, for their safety, growth and development; for good weather and abundant harvest for all to share, we give You thanks. Let us pray to the Lord saying:

**People:** Favourably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**Leader:** Lord, keep our island of Jamaica under Your care. Give us strength and love for each other. We pray for the youth of our society. Grant them vision to fulfill their purpose. Stretch forth Your loving hands and give them Your healing touch. We pray for the homeless, the sick, the aged and those who are broken in body and spirit. Grant them Your healing power and Your unchanging love. Strengthen our unity as a people for together with dedication we build our nation. Let us pray to the Lord saying:

**People:** Favourably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**Leader:** We pray for the world, for countries torn by war or the threats of war, famine or disasters. We pray for Jamaica and all who serve and protect. Give them courage to face the difficult time and strength to endure. Defend them from all assaults of the enemy that they may trust in Your defence and not fear the power of the adversary. Let us pray to the Lord saying:

**People:** Favourably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, as we go forward with dedication, we pray for all institutions of learning, for all hospitals and medical centres. We pray for all doctors, nurses and caregivers, and for continued advancement in the field of medicine. God, the fountain of all wisdom, enlighten by Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn. Guide them in their unselfish work as they strive towards the pursuit of education and of building a brighter and stronger nation for the betterment of Your people. Let us pray to the Lord saying:

**ALL:** Favourably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Yanick and Rashaan Allwood*

**Scripture Reading – Matthew 7: 16-29**

*Kai Gammage*

**Psalm 24**

**Congregation**

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, o ye gates; and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, o ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**Scripture Reading – Nehemiah 4: 1 – 12**

**Michelle Lyn**

**Offertory Hymn**

***To God be the Glory***

**(Part proceeds to Dare to Care (Babies with AIDS), National Children's Home & Women's Centre Foundation of Jamaica)**

To God be the glory great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His son.  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Cho: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice,  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the son  
And give Him the glory great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God,  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be,  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see!

**Blessing of the Offering**

***Pastor David Thompson***

**Downsview Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

**Musical Selection**

**REECH**

**Sermon**

***Pastor Bonnie Martin*  
New Hope Tabernacle**

**Musical Selection**

***RTT Durham Choir***

**Closing Prayer & Benediction**

***Rev. Nigel Ricketts*  
Praise Cathedral Worship Centre**

**Recessional Hymn**

***I Vow to Thee my Country***

I vow to thee my country all earthly things above  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love.  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her most dear to them that know;  
We may not count her armies we may not see her King,  
Her fortress is a faithful heart her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

I pledge my heart forever to serve with humble pride  
This shining homeland ever so long as earth abides,  
I pledge my heart this island, as God and faith shall live,  
My work, my strength, my love and my loyalty to give  
O green isle of the Indies Jamaica strong and free,  
Our vow and loyal promises, our heartland 'tis to thee.





## Members of the Organizing Committee

*Chair – Dale Jones*

*Anne-Marie Bonner*

*Neil Dalhouse*

*Linda Gray*

*Carol Phillips*

*Verley Walker*

*Claudette Cameron-Stewart*

*Carolyn Goulbourne-Warren*

*Olive Parkins-Smith*

*Raphaelita Walker*

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Club Paradise

Elsa Jones



*The members of the Organizing Committee would like to thank the participants and everyone in attendance for contributing to the success of this year's Independence Church Service. Let us continue to work in unison to keep the Flag of Jamaica flying high, as we work together with dedication to build our nation.*

## PART PROCEEDS TO

### Dare To Care (Babies with AID)

*Dare to Care* cares for children who come from all over the island and are abandoned by parents or orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS. All of the children are wards of the state and are transferred from other children's homes or places of safety. Two homes – one in St. Catherine and the other in Kingston called, *Matthew 25:40*, accommodate 45 children, whose ages range from 1 to 16 years. Since its inception, *Dare to Care* has provided care to 54 children, 9 of whom have died from AIDS. Plans are underway to construct new facilities in Kingston and Montego Bay.

### National Children's Home

The Jamaican National Children's Home (JNCH) was established by the United Kingdom-based National Children's Home in 1972 and the parent company funded the local branch until 1999. The JNCH is now dependent on funding from the Jamaican government, churches and private individuals.

The JNCH is home to 82 children between six and 18 years old. There are separate dorm rooms for girls and boys and children with disabilities are separated from the other wards and cared for by qualified professionals.

### Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation

The Women's Centre Programme for Adolescent Mothers was established in 1978. In 1991, the programme gained Foundation status, thus being named the Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation (WCJF). Initially, there was one centre located in Kingston. Presently, the WCJF operates seven main centres and six outreach stations under the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.

The Foundation is mandated to assist girls 17 years and under, who have dropped out of school due to pregnancy. They are allowed to continue their education at the Women's Centre nearest to them for at least one term, and are subsequently returned to the formal school system after the birth of their babies.

The Programme for Adolescent Mothers provides academic classes in the core subject areas of: Mathematics, English Language, Integrated Science, and Social Studies. Personal Development is emphasized through group and individual counselling. A practical skill area is also offered. The young women are encouraged to delay subsequent pregnancies until they have achieved their professional or vocational goals. To date, 33,653 participants have been assisted through this programme.



IN MEMORY OF  
JAMAICA'S AMBASSADOR OF CULTURE



Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverley, OM OJ MBE DLitt  
September 7, 1919 – July 26, 2006

INDEPENDANCE

Independance wid a vengeance!  
Independance raisin' cain!  
Jamaica start grow beard, ah hope  
We chin can stan' de strain!

Wen dog mawga him head big an  
Wen puss hungry him nose clean  
But every puss and dog noh know  
Wat Independance mean.

Matty seh it mean we facety  
Stan' up pon we dignity,  
An we don't allow nobody  
Fe teck libarty wid we.

Independance is we nature  
Born an bred in all we do  
And she glad fe se dat Govament  
Tun independent to.

She hope dem caution worl'-map  
Fe stop draw Jamaica small  
For de lickle speck can't show  
We Independantniss at all!

Moresomever we mus' tell map dat  
We don't like we position,  
Please kindly tek we out o' sea  
An draw we in de Ocean.